

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-14 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1-6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claim 7 is amended and new Claims 11-14 are added by the present amendment. As amended Claim 7 and new Claims 11-14 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Tominaga et al. (Japanese Patent Publication No. 14-109427, hereinafter “Tominaga”); and Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Korean Patent Publication No. 0249783 (hereinafter “Korea ‘783”).

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Claims 1-6 are canceled, making these rejections moot.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 7 as anticipated by Korea ‘783, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 7 recites in part, “an interface circuit for providing an IC card interface to allow the IC card to send and receive an electronic value to and from another external IC card by radio” and “the microprocessor having a memory for temporarily storing a plurality of the electronic values and transferring the stored electronic values to the another external IC card.”

Korea ‘783 describes a wireless mobile communication terminal with an *embedded* smart card chip.² The outstanding Office Action cited the abstract and translated claims of

¹See, e.g., the specification at page 7, lines 14-35 and Figure 3.

²See Korea ‘783, abstract.

Korea '783 as describing the subject matter of original Claim 7.³ However, it is respectfully submitted that these translated portions of Korea '783 only describes communication between an internal interface and an *internal* contactless card,⁴ *not an external card*. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Korea '783 does not teach “an interface circuit for providing an IC card interface to allow the IC card to send and receive an electronic value to and from another *external* IC card by radio” and “the microprocessor having a memory for temporarily storing a plurality of the electronic values and transferring the stored electronic values to the another *external* IC card.” Consequently, Korea '783 does not teach “an interface circuit” or “a microprocessor” as defined in amended Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 7 (and Claims 8-10 dependent therefrom) is not anticipated by Korea '783 and is patentable thereover.

New Claims 11-14 are supported at least by original Claims 7-10 and the specification at page 7, lines 14-35 and Figure 3. New Claim 11 recites in part, “an interface circuit configured to provide an IC card interface to allow the IC card to send and receive an electronic value to and from another *external* IC card by radio” and “wherein the microprocessor includes a memory configured to temporarily store a plurality of the electronic values and to transfer the stored electronic values to the another *external* IC card.”

As noted above, Korea '783 only describes communication between an internal interface and an *internal* contactless card, *not an external card*. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Korea '783 does not teach “an interface circuit” and “a microprocessor” as defined in new Claim 11. Consequently, new Claim 11 (and Claims 12-14 dependent therefrom) is also not anticipated by Korea '783 and is patentable thereover.

³See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 19-22.

⁴See, e.g., translated Claim 1 of Korea '783.

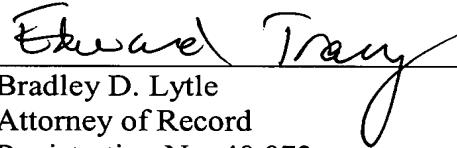
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Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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